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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

1. This memorandum is for information only.

2. En route to the airfield Hanson Baldwin asked me to relay this message to you, for your information: He attended a meeting in New York between the German Minister Strauss and Robert Bowie, formerly of the State Department. The discussion was on atomic submarines. Strauss took the position that NATO should have an atomic force to include atomic submarines with Polaris missiles. Strauss believed that the crews should be nationalist crews; Bowie believed the crews should be international--Italian, German, American, British, Norwegian, Belgium, French. Baldwin said he would hate to be on a submarine with such an international crew or on any combat ship with an international crew. The discussion became so heated over this point, according to Baldwin, that exceptionally strong language was used. In Baldwin's words, it was a "disgraceful" affair. Baldwin said there is no particular importance to this, but he thought he should pass the information on to you.

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